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In response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2006, in the above-identified application, transmitted herewith is a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c), with a check of \$130. If any additional fee is necessary, please charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

The submission of this terminal disclaimer overcomes the nonstatutory double patenting rejection of claim 1 as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 2 of U.S. patent No. 5,736,657.

Since this is the only rejection set forth in the Office Action, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is accordingly earnestly requested.

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